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A Message from the United States Attorney

U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL VISITS KANSAS CITY TO DISCUSS BENEFITS OF THE PATRIOT ACT

Dear Law Enforcement Officials,

As many of you know, United States Attorney General John Ashcroft visited Kansas City last month to discuss the Patriot Act with members of our local law enforcement and representatives of the region's media.



Ashcroft spoke to a group of about 200 members of our law enforcement community and received significant backing at the event for his aggressive fight in the war against terrorism. I want to thank you for that rallying support.

The Department of Justice's top priority is to prevent future terrorist attacks, like the ones committed on Sept. 11, 2001. During his speech, Ashcroft explained the key role the Patriot Act plays in carrying out these prevention efforts.

The Patriot Act provides law enforcement agencies the needed tools to fight terrorism and protect our local communities from additional strikes against our freedom. These tools include increased communication between federal agencies, new laws that place terrorists in the same criminal pool as drug dealers, stiffer penalties for terrorist activities, and updated laws to reflect new technologies and new threats to our country.

The Patriot Act already has aided in assuring the safety of innocent Americans and I am confident its modest changes in the law will play an even more significant role in protecting America in the future.

If your organization would like additional information about the Patriot Act or if you have questions regarding the nation's fight against terrorism, feel free to contact our office. Additional information also can be obtained by logging on to our district's Web site, www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow, or at www.lifeandliberty.gov.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Todd P. Graves
United States Attorney

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Several new employees have joined the United States Attorney's Office in recent months. We'll introduce you to the new names. If your office or another agency in your area hires a new team member, please be sure to contact us and we'll put it in a future issue of the Patriot Letter.

